

MINUTES OF MEETING
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION
HELD AT 1130 HRS ON 26 NOV 2023
AT INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE,
40, MAX MUELLER MARG NEW DELHI - 110003

1. The following were present in the meeting: -

(a) Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM,VSM**,ADC (Retd) -President- **In Chair**

Elected Members

- (b) Kr KN Singh
- (c) Dr. Sushma Bissa
- (d) Mrs InduTalwar
- (e) Ms Anuja shegal
- (f) Maj KS Dhami, SM (Retd)
- (g) Col SK Nagpal (Retd)
- (h) Mrs. Bimla Negi Deoskar

Nominated Memebrrs

- (i) Mrs. Suman Singh
- (j) Mr. Avinash Deoskar
- (k) Col R K Bhushan (Retd)
- (l) Col K Pratap Singh (Retd)
- (m) Col AC Talwar
- (n) Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd) - Executive Director

Special Invitees

- (o) Brig Ravi Kumar, Ex President.

2. The EC members who could not attend the meeting were granted leave of absence.

Absent Members

- (p) Capt KA Pillai (Retd)
- (q) Col Ravinder Nath
- (r) Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar (Retd)
- (s) Shri Gajpal Singh Rathore

PRELIMINARIES

Welcome Address by President

3. The President **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd)** welcomed all Executive Council members and thanked them for coming and attending the meeting. The President informed the house that Chairman Gen (Dr.) VK Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, YSM (Retd.) couldn't join today's meeting because of his commitment at Uttarkashi (Dehradun) where the **tunnel rescue operations** were taking place. He informed all that the Chairman had called to convey his best wishes to all members of NAF. NAF is proud to register the stellar leadership of our Chairman in rescuing the 41 workers from the collapsed tunnel. We are extremely proud of our Chairman's accomplishments.

4. President addressed the burning issues being faced by NAF –

- a) **Financial Health of NAF** - The President informed all that NAF is passing through difficult times. NAF couldn't get funds allotment from Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India for last three years. Over and above, we are not receiving regular subscriptions from our Chapters which are exacerbating the problems.
- b) **Annual Subscription from Chapters.** Post pandemic, all Chapters have resumed their commercial activities. Some of our Chapters are doing commendable work and need to be appreciated. Others need to be proactive and need to reach out to the local civil administration and educational institutes. HQ NAF is ready to provide all assistance to remove any hurdles which the Chapters may face. However, we need to find ways to ensure that the Chapters pay their subscriptions in time.

- c) **Proposal for Adventure Park at Ayodhya.** The President informed that there is a proposal to establish an adventure park on a river island in the Saryu River at Ayodhya. He informed the EC members that he had visited the site which had tremendous potential with a Chapter Director. We have forwarded a detailed proposal which envisages starting with an adventure camp for school children. Our Bhatinda Chapter will be in charge. Mrs. Sushma Bissa volunteered to work for this project through Bikaner Chapter as they have expertise in developing world standard adventure parks in the country.
- d) **Meetings at Ministry of Tourism.** The President gave an update on the Policy on Adventure Tourism which has been issued by the Ministry. He also informed members about the proposal for a pilot project for skill development of local youth in remote areas had been forwarded by him to the Ministry. The proposal includes creating a common curriculum for management of adventure activities in consultation with Indian Institute of Travel and Tourism Management (IITTM) and thereafter imparting training and certification of operators in remote areas.
- e) **NAF Website & Use of Social Media.** The President informed that anew website has been developed by NAF. All EC members should visit the site regularly& encourage other to do the same. On similar lines, social media like Facebook, Twitter etc. are also updated on regular basic to propagate NAF activities. EC members can like, share& comment on posts. The simple action will help develop the NAF brand.

5. The President thereafter asked the Executive Director **Wg Cdr KK Verma** to proceed with the Agenda Points.

CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS

6. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Executive Meeting held on 11 Dec 2022.** **Wg Cdr KK Verma**, Executive Director NAF, requested for ratification of the minutes of Executive Council Meeting held on 11 Dec 2022, which have been circulated to all Members **Minutes of EC Meeting were ratified by Maj KS Dhami, SM (Retd) & Col AC Talwar (Retd).**

7. **Report of Executive Director for the FY 2022-2023.** The Executive Director presented the report as attached at **Appendix**.

Agenda Points

8. **Appointment of Chartered Accountant.** As per previous points a new chartered accountant Mr. Dhiraj Kumar & Co. was appointed for the financial year 2022-2023 to cover the services being rendered for Income Tax, Audit, GST & TDS matters and other related issues.

9. **Decision.** Appointment of CA was approved and ratified by Ms. Anuja Shegal & Dr. Sushma Bissa.

10. **NAF National HQ Balance Sheet and Audited Accounts for the FY 2022-23.**
The Balance Sheet and Accounts were approved unanimously by the EC Members.

11. **New Membership /Affiliation.** NAF continues with its membership drive across India through its Chapter to attract youngsters. As NAF is proactive on social media like Facebook and Twitter, any program initiated by headquarters reaches to general public.

a) **New Affiliates.** Two affiliations were added from December 2022 to November 2023 –

- a. Mid Town Indian Adventure Sports Association Club (Meerut)
- b. Himalayan Path Adventure Club, Jamshedpur (Jharkhand)

b) **New Chapters.** Three new Chapters have joined the NAF family –

- a. Mr. Safar Ahmed, Kerala Chapter - II
- b. Mr. Sridhar Muthusamy, Tamil Nadu - II
- c. S.R. Abbas, Delhi NCR – II

c) 26 new life members joined NAF.

12. **Membership/Affiliation Status.** As on date, NAF has 430 Life Members and 16 affiliate clubs. Out of turn membership was given to two adventurers due to their extraordinary success in the field of Adventure.

(a) Mr. Satyarup Siddhanta, Mountaineer, Director, Winners & Achievers LLP

Youngest in the world to climb the highest mountains and volcanoes of each of the seven continents.

(b) Mr. Raj Kumar Baid, Mountaineer, Health & Fitness expert

Points by Council Members

13. **Maj K.S Dhami** – He felt the need of NAF being proactive and taking adventure at next level. Like adventure awards, NAF can plan few activities to connect Chapters, affiliates & members. He agreed to work on these.

14. **Mr. Avinash Deoskar-** He emphasized the need for developing standard curriculum for training in different adventure activities along with audit & safety needs. It was agreed that a two day workshop for the same will be held at Nagpur on 23 & 24th Feb 2024. Participants are requested to plan the arrival on the evening of 22nd Feb 2024 and departure on 24th evening or 25th Feb morning.

15. **Ms. Anuja Sehgal** – The idea of NAF can be taken to schools, colleges & other institutions like Amity and adventure activities can be planned. She volunteered to do so. The President agreed to the proposal for the idea & requested Ms. Anuja to take it to next level.

16. **Dr. Sushma Bissa**– She informed the house about various expeditions done in last one year along with Ms. Bachendari Pal, senior member of NAF. She felt that NAF must take advantage of adventure activities being done by members. She agreed to connect NAF with other organizations.

17. Commendations

(a) **Col Sudhir Nagpal (Retd)** had been playing a yeoman's role as the 'Editor of in-charge for conducting Amity Programmes. His contribution to the well-being and progress of the NAF was highly commendable. **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)**, Executive Director did well as Editor of NAFER. His work is praiseworthy and in a short period been able to get a grasp on the functioning of NAF.

- (b) NAF Staff **Mr. Mahesh Chand** has also continued to perform in a dedicated and committed manner.

CONCLUSION

18. The meeting was brought to an end, with the Executive Director proposing a vote of thanks to the Chair and thanking all the members for attending the Meeting. He thanked President Lt Gen Raman Dhawan for necessary guidance.

19. The meeting was adjourned as there were no more points.



Date: 8 Dec 2023

Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)
Executive Director